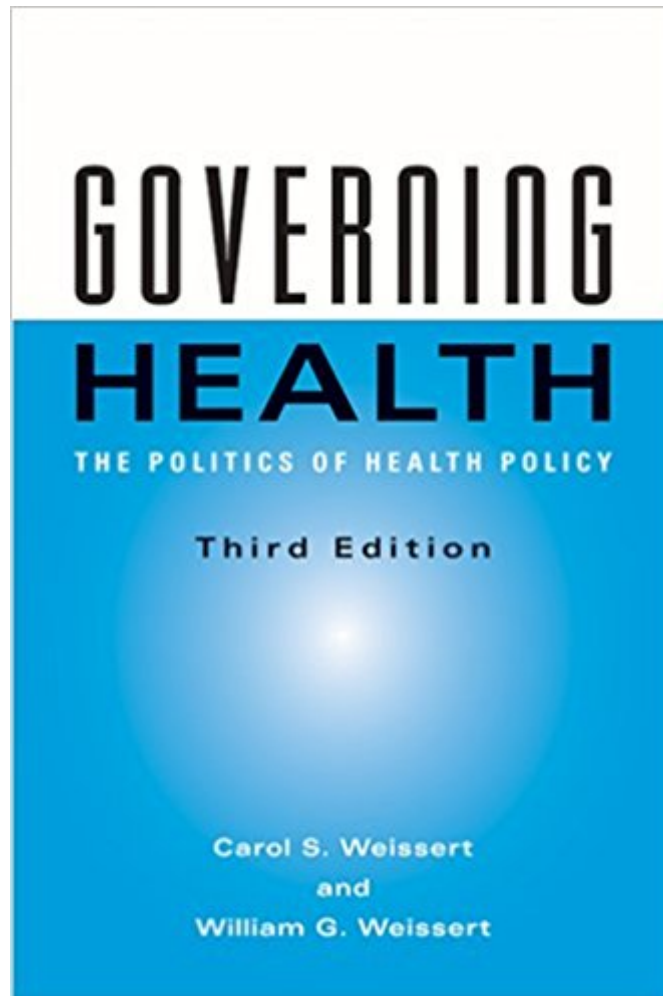




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This textbook first and foremost provides you with a comprehensive overview of U.S. politics and how decisions are made. Within this framework, specific examples are given on how decisions about U.S. healthcare are made. Subjects from lobbying to healthcare reform are covered. It also provides information on other parts of healthcare in the United States, such as government run healthcare programs like medicare and medicaid.While reading it, I found myself thinking that the book focused more on politics in general and less on healthcare policy. In this regard the book would be a great primer for anyone very new to politics in general, but someone well versed in politics may need to skip over several sections. I personally found this book to be a bit dry but it definitely will give you a comprehensive overview of politics and healthcare.Thoroughness of Material Covered: 4 StarsFormat of the Content: 3.5 starsQuality of the Writing: 3

Needed it for class, so it served it's purpose.

I'M GLAD THIS BOOK CAME IN PERFECT CONDITION. I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO SEE SOME RIPS OR SOMEONE'S CHILD COLORING IN IT. BUT IT WAS REALLY CLEAN! NEVER DISAPPOINTS.

I appreciated the quick and efficient service since time was of the essence for my class.Thanks!

It came a bit slower than expected (say 2 weeks, when I was expecting to get it in one), but overall I was very pleased with the transaction.

This book takes a comprehensive look at health policy in the U.S. from a political science perspective. It addresses all the institutional influences of health policy, such as Congress, the President, interest groups, regulatory agencies, and federalism. It also addresss prominent political

science theories and relates them to health policy. This book is a must-read for any health professional or student who would like to explore the how health policy is REALLY developed. I also highly recommend this book to social scientists and students who are interested in applying governmental relationships to health policy.

I have used this book for a number of years now in a class I teach on the Politics of Health Policy (along with Kingdon's classic). It provides an excellent overview of how health policy is made and the politics around it, drawing on both the academic literature as well as recent policies. The second edition is heavily revised from the first and contains up to date examples. An excellent academic overview of the health policy process.

I am taking a course in Health Policy and the Political System and opted to use this book instead of that recommended by my professor. This book examined all the important aspects of policy making - paying close attention to the political actors - and has helped tremendously in my understanding of the politics surrounding health policy.

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